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1. UNDER HEADLINE, "NEW U.S. ENERGY POLICY GIVES IMPACT ON JAPANESE AUTO EXPORTS TO U.S." APRIL 19 INDUSTRIAL DAILY, NIHON KOGYO SHIMBUN, CARRIES A WASHINGTON-BASED STORY STATING THAT THE NEW U.S. ENERGY POLICY SEEMS "TO BE INTENDED FOR DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT ON SMALL IMPORTED CARS, INCLUDING JAPANESE CARS, WHOSE EXPORTERS MAY BE ABLE TO HOLD AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION IN THE MARKET." ARTICLE NOTES THAT UNDER THE NEW ENERGY PACKAGE, MANUFACTURERS OF FUEL-SAVING SMALL CARS CAN GET REBATES OF \$332 PER CAR, BUT ADDS THAT "SUCH REBATES ARE REPORTEDLY NOT GOING TO BE PAID FOR NON-AMERICAN AUTO MAKERS WHO SELL MORE CARS IN THE U.S. THAN THEY DID THE PREVIOUS YEAR." ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT THERE IS SOME CRITICISM (OF THE POLICY) IN THE U.S.OWING TO ITS "POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT IN VIOLATION OF INTER-NATIONAL TREATIES" IF SUCH MEASURES ARE DEFINED AS A SORT OF "IMPORT QUOTA SYSTEM," A TERM UNCLASSIFIED

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